

## RICH FIND ON SIWASH CREEK

TRUE FISSURE QUARTZ VEIN  
NEAR YALE, B. C.Stampede on to Old Placer Camp Follows  
Years of Patient Work—Grants Co.  
Laying on the Okanagan—Fighting  
the Fire at Butte—News of the Mines

SEATTLE, Jan. 30.—What seems to be a new gold vein has been made on Siwash Creek near Yale. It is a three-foot quartz vein, a true fissure in a metamorphic slate of great richness. Samples picked from the eight-inch pay streak ran \$10,000 and a sample straight across the face of the ledge gave an average in excess of \$1,000 a ton. The prospectors are Morty Beyseck and Bill Carpenter of Yale. They have sold a half interest in the property to a company headed by Nevill Armstrong, a mining engineer, and J. P. Mann, an attorney, both of Victoria. They paid \$100 for the half interest in Siwash.

In 1890 Yale was the wildest placer camp on the Fraser River and the rich bars thereabout yielded millions. After the best of the gold over the miners went on to discover the Cariboo and Williams Creek, Yale then at the head of navigation on the Fraser became an outfitting point for the whole upper country. The Beyseck family settled there and remained after the railroad came and worked the river. Young Beyseck, growing up there, got into the mining game.

Siwash Creek, six miles from Yale, has been mined and prospected for half a century. Some small rich placer areas were worked after a fashion and some development of low grade large ore bodies at the Frisco has been carried on for years. Others left disappointed, but Revsbeck stayed in the camp and on November 10 last made the strike which has since reached the surface and started a stampede for Siwash. The first traced by Beyseck and the Carpenters has been followed for years, but it remained for these three, after months of patient poking on the hillside above the junction of Roderick and Siwash creeks, to locate the sources of this gold bearing quartz.

It was a blind lead overlaid with detritus, but the wash was not very deep and a little trenching was enough to open it up. The vein is about three feet across and occurs in a true fissure in decomposed slate. The pay streak, which is about 8 inches broad, makes on the hanging wall-side, where there is considerable talc gouge. The strike of the ledge is northeast and southwest, and it goes down pretty nearly vertical, with only a slight dip to the south. The ledge runs right through the hill, so it will be possible to drive a drift tunnel in on the vein, thus obviating a necessity for doing any additional mining additional backs with every foot driven.

There is already a six stamp mill on the south fork of Siwash Creek and a ten stamp mill owned by Bellingham and Seattle men on the north fork, so the new camp will not lack reduction facilities. The main line of the C. P. R. runs along the right bank of the Fraser and at one point approaches within four miles and a half of the scene of the new strike.

Eighty claims have been staked and scores of prospectors all over the country are active, awaiting word which will make public available to the same of the new strike. There will be plenty of room for all, for it is a big district, the mineralized zone being said to be about two miles long by seven miles wide. The formation is chiefly slate with dykes of intrusive porphyry and some granite and dolomite. The porphyry is highly oxidized and gives a reddish brown color.

In addition to the three foot vein from which the Carpenters and Revsbeck extracted the bonanza ore, which was brought to the surface, a second vein opened up a mine foot edge of fine mica-schist.

Here is a copy of the assay certificate, No. 600, given to Nevill Armstrong yesterday. Assayer, Assistant Mineralogical Government Assayer, E. Whittaker:

I hereby certify that I have assayed the following samples handed me by Mr. Armstrong, Esq., and the same to contain in dried samples Quartz and free gold, no copper per ton, the weight of 100 pounds.

I am in full agreement with Mr. Armstrong in his opinion that the Wicks-Corbin property has been mentioned. The claim from the Bonanza vein is about two miles long by seven miles wide.

Encouraging reports continue to reach the city of developments in the Corbin and Hedgeson strikes, four and five feet wide, as well as in different sections of the Wicks-Corbin property have been mentioned. The claim from the Bonanza vein is about two miles long by seven miles wide.

The McKinley Mining Company at Orient is advertising for bids for fifty feet of crosscutting on the bottom of the 150 foot shaft, long tunnel will be started in April.

The company has \$25,000 for this purpose.

MONTANA.

HELENA, Feb. 1.—An important strike is reported in the property of the Mountain Mining Company, which is described by Spokane capitalists as Carbonate ore, averaging \$50 to the ton has been found in the shaft, while the sinking at a point 600 feet west of the mine, another ore body of promise has been found.

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The Wicks-Corbin and Iron Company, which is planning the development of the magnetic iron mines near Blewett, Wash., has erected its office buildings and will begin work on the construction in the near future. Besides building a smelter the company will spend \$6,000 in building roads in the district.

The Wicks-Corbin mine at Orient is going to make extensive tests at the B. C. Copper Company's mill at Napoleon. It is asserted by mining experts that the ore is of high grade and contains 40 per cent copper. The first question is the cost per ton. The fine thought is blocking out ore and developing the mine to a point where it will be a steady producer.

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The find is located in the heart of the proved zone, if anything can be considered proved in a new camp.

The man of Spokane has secured an option on the Hazelton Incline, C. P. and C. C. No. 2 claims in the Alinskay camp.

The new company is preparing to start shipments of ore from the Cliff mine at Phoenix to the smelter in Grand Forks. A large force of men is busy putting the mine into shape, the mine in good shape, and the mine in good shape.

On the flat top level of the Bamberg Canyon mine in the St. Mary's country, the miners have made a drift 100 feet long. The drift shows in the face, and for twenty feet back four feet of extremely high grade galena.

The War Eagle mine will enter the regular boundary just off one shipment next month. The mine is ready to output and the tranship and haulers have been put in shape to meet the demand of the consolidated company. The mine is running a ton of galena.

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